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## International Programs Update:

Now is the time to think about traveling abroad with the IFYE program for a one, three or six month exchange. Montana youth, ages 16-19, can travel to Australia for one month next summer as part of the IFYE Ambassador program. Former 4-Hers (19-30) can travel to a country of their choice and stay with host families for up to six months. Travel for this program begins next June after a national orientation that brings together IFYEs from all over the United States. Significant financial assistance for these programs is provided by the Montana 4-H Foundation and program coordination is provided by the 4-H Center for Youth Development. These trips are unique cultural experiences that encourage global communication and allow participants to understand another culture and language in-depth. **Application deadline: January 1, 2007.**

Other travel opportunities available to youth are a summer month in Finland, Japan, Mexico, or possibly, Puerto Rico. 4-H youth from around the country travel with chaperones to their country of choice and stay with host families for a month beginning in June or July of 2007. Adult chaperones are needed for these, as well as, the IFYE Australia program. **Application deadline for chaperones to Finland, Japan: February 15, 2007.**

A full year internship is available to a select number of college-age youth (3-4 annually) who have already been to Japan on a one month summer exchange. Interns are selected from around the nation and work in the Labo, LEX or Utrek offices for one year. Applicants that are chosen for an interview will be flown to Seattle to meet with the Japanese partner organizations before a final selection is made. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! **Application deadline: January 15, 2007.**

Application materials for all programs are available on the web at [www.montana4h.org](http://www.montana4h.org) or by calling Stephanie Davison at 994-3502.

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## 2006 GALLATIN COUNTY 4-H SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS RESULTS

Outstanding 4-H Foundation Member Award to Betsy Heckel  
Outstanding 4-H Alumni Award to JD Vukonich  
Partner In 4-H Award to Mark Lien/Rocky Mountain Furniture  
Partner in 4-H Award to Rod Cline/Circle L Arena  
Outstanding 4-H Club Leader Award to Kathy Cheney  
Outstanding 4-H Project Leader Award to Sandra Fiegi  
Outstanding 4-H Leaders Council Member Award to Kelley Phipps  
Lifetime 4-H Achievement Award to Nick Shrauger  
Gallatin County 4-H Leader of the Year Award to Scott Francis  
Outstanding 4-H Member of the Year Award to Emily Lohmeier  
Outstanding 4-H Club Member of the Year Award to Codi Francis



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## New Scholarship Application Form to be Used

In order to standardize the process for asking for funding from the Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council, the Council has developed and approved the application form inserted in this newsletter. Leaders or members asking for funds are asked to fill out and submit the form to the 4-H office. This includes requests for camp scholarships, leader training assistance, and funds for any event. The form will also be available on the web at [www.gallatinextension.com](http://www.gallatinextension.com).